

# House File 542 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON LABOR

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 144)

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to eligibility requirements for individuals  
2 claiming unemployment insurance benefits in consecutive  
3 benefit years and including effective date provisions.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 96.4, subsection 4, paragraph c, Code  
2 2017, is amended to read as follows:

3 c. If the individual has drawn benefits in any benefit  
4 year, the individual must during or subsequent to that year,  
5 work in and be paid wages for insured work totaling at least  
6 ~~two hundred fifty dollars~~ eight times the individual's weekly  
7 benefit amount, as a condition to receive benefits in the next  
8 benefit year.

9 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect July 2, 2017.

10 EXPLANATION

11 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
12 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

13 This bill increases the amount of wages an individual who  
14 has drawn unemployment benefits in a benefit year must be paid  
15 for insured work during or subsequent to that year in order to  
16 be eligible to receive benefits in the next benefit year. The  
17 amount is increased from \$250 to eight times the individual's  
18 weekly benefit amount.

19 The bill takes effect July 2, 2017.